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SUBJECT:US-TURKEY RELATIONS

1. IN ADDITION TO DELIVERY OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO
PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT, (SEPTTEL NOTAL) DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE
YOU IF AT ALL POSSIBLE BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON
TO TALK DIRECTLY WITH ECEVIT, FOREIGN MINISTER OKCUN OR
SECRETARY GENERAL ELEKDAG ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

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2. WE DO NOT PROPOSE TO CONSIDER FURTHER THE MATTER OF
THE EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND
THE PRIME MINISTER ON THE PROPOSED NATO SUMMIT DECLARATION.
HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT WHEN ECEVIT
COMES TO WASHINGTON HE BE AS STATESMANLIKE AS POSSIBLE
AND INDICATE HIS COMMITMENT TO THE COMMON ALLIANCE INTEREST.

WE HAVE STRESSED FREQUENTLY TO THE CONGRESS OUR STRONG BELIEF THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAM, INCLUDING REPEAL OF THE TURKISH EMBARGO RESTRICTIONS, WILL STRENGTHEN ALLIED UNITY AND SOLIDARITY. IT WOULD INDEED BE MOST UNFORTUNATE IF THE IMPRESSION BECAME WIDESPREAD THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY HAS DOUBTS ABOUT THE MUTUAL BENEFITS FROM MEMBERSHIP OR BELIEVED THAT A STRENGTHENED NATO POSTURE WAS DANGEROUS BECAUSE IT WOULD SOMEHOW BE CONSIDERED PROVOCATIVE TO TURKEY'S NORTHERN NEIGHBORS.

3. YOU SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT IN THE CASE OF SEVERAL RECENT DIFFICULT FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS INVOLVING THE CONGRESS, THE ADMINISTRATION WAS ASSISTED AT KEY MOMENTS BY A COOPERATIVE POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM THE GOVERNMENTS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED.

4. YOU MAY ALSO CONFIRM THAT PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE 45 MINUTE BILATERAL MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT AT 8:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY, MAY 31. WE WOULD ALSO STRONGLY HOPE THAT ECEVIT CAN RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR SESSION AFTERNOON JUNE 5 WITH SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND OTHER KEY SENATORS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT SENATE WILL PROBABLY CONSIDER EMBARGO REPEAL SOMETIME BEFORE MID-JUNE PRIOR TO HOUSE CONSIDERATION AND THEREFORE BELIEVE IT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT ECEVIT BE ABLE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH SENATE.

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TORS. AS WE HAVE INDICATED PREVIOUSLY SENATE WILL BE IN RECESS THROUGHOUT WEEK OF MAY 29; SESSION WITH SENATORS COULD ONLY BE SCHEDULED WEEK OF JUNE 5. SO THAT HIS ONLY SCHEDULED EVENT IN WASHINGTON JUNE 5 WOULD NOT BE SESSION WITH SENATORS YOU CAN ASSURE PRIME MINISTER THAT CONVERSATIONS WITH CABINET LEVEL EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIALS CAN BE ARRANGED.

5. WE PREFER NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAY 31 ECEVIT OR OTHER BILATERAL MEETINGS UNTIL JUST BEFORE SUMMIT MEETING. DURING MEETING ON OTHER SUBJECTS MAY 19, ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST INFORMED ESENBEL OF DATE AND TIME OF PROPOSED MEETING. VANCE

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